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PROTECTION NEEDED.

As an aftermath of the disaster which visited the Belmont mine this week it is to be hoped that the legislature, now in session in Carson City, will adopt most drastic fire protection measures for the state mine inspector to enforce relative to mines. With the proper protection it is freely maintained that the loss of life would probably have been nil. With proper laws that call for a certain number of fire helmets to be on hand at each mine, like disasters would be almost unknown in the future. Fire could then be fought in an intelligent manner and death-tolls would be unknown.

While the work of the management of the Belmont is to be commended from every standpoint, considerable censure is heard on every hand, owing to the fact that the company was caught napping when the fire broke. No excuse is offered by the management for this state of affairs, but it is a most deplorable fact that there are at the present time no adequate state laws covering this point.

HONOR THE DEAD.

Business men of Tonopah, out of respect for the dead in the Belmont mine disaster, will probably close their stores tonight and remain closed until after the funeral. Respect is due to the memory of those brave men who sacrificed their lives in the mine and it is most fitting that the stores remain closed just as long as the flags of the town are at half-mast.

The mine operators' association has notified all mines in the Tonopah district to lay off the day shift on the days of the funeral. No less could be done to show the proper appreciation of those whose lives were snuffed out so untimely.

THE PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT.

Considerable credit is due the Goldfield Tribune for the enterprise it has displayed in securing news of the Belmont disaster. One of the editorial staff was sent to Tonopah on Thursday night when it appeared that the fire was assuming serious proportions, and since that time the Tribune representative has been in the camp sending out thousands of words to his paper on the accident. Out of the great state of Nevada, the Goldfield Tribune is the only paper with sufficient progressive spirit to go to the expense of sending a representative here to cover the story.

Increasing the army estimates by several millions and planning to spend \$62,000,000 in six years on new warships, the military committee of the Austrian delegations has adopted a resolution urging the government to make serious efforts against general disarmament. Perhaps the mass of the Austrian people who haven't cozy berths on the military committee, take a different view.

Last fall William Barnes, Jr., of the New York political arena, was so bad a man that Colonel Roosevelt couldn't bear to let him have anything to do with party management in New York. This year William Barnes, Jr., is so good a man that he is given chief place in party control and Colonel Roosevelt sits at his right hand at a banquet. Almost a lightning change.

And now senate obstructionists are said to be planning resistance to the passage of the congressional apportionment bill, on the ground that the democrats don't want the republicans to gain the twenty electoral votes that the passage of this bill apparently would give them. But how do the obstructionists know that these twenty votes would certainly remain republican?

Colonel Goethals wants to build the fortifications for the Panama canal. Goethals is making a splendid job of the digging. He should be allowed to do the fortifying.

Baron Albert de Rothschild's gift in his will of only \$500,000 to philanthropic purposes shows he didn't have the same view as Andrew Carnegie about dying rich.

The convocation of Canterbury has undertaken to abridge the Ten Commandments. The total elimination of some of them would probably suit the wicked better.

Los Angeles has a cottage school where the children are taught the art of cooking things. Others may have to be taught the art of eating them.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

Seventeen men have paid the death penalty as a result of the disaster in the Belmont mine, according to the latest reports, and it is believed that the figure will be considerably increased by the time the entire mine has been searched. These men have gone, they have paid the price of experience for the company, and probably paved a way for adequate fire protection in the future. It is more than probable that legislation will be passed at the present session that will compel all mines to carry sufficient "fire helmets" to obviate a repetition of the fearful calamity that has put the entire camp of Tonopah in mourning. According to the best informed, had there been two helmets either in Tonopah or Goldfield, the loss of life would have been reduced to a large extent, and probably no workman would have crossed the Great Divide as a result of the small blaze, whose property loss was practically nil.

The men who lost their lives were sacrificed on the altar of greed. When the fire was noticed in the shaft of the Belmont mine and was believed to be so bad that it was necessary to lower a human cargo of 70 down the sister-shaft of the Desert Queen, work should have been stopped. If anybody was to brave the danger of the mine it should have been some of the "higher-ups" of the mine. However, the former course was pursued and after the mistake was made every effort was put forth by Superintendent Bradshaw and Foreman Fitzgerald to reach the imprisoned dead. Roy King of the Belmont company also banded every effort in the work of rescue. These three men deserve every possible iota of credit. Their efforts, while proving vain so far as recovering live men is concerned, were noble and heroic. A vote of thanks is their due from every citizen of Tonopah, from every citizen of Nevada, yea from every citizen of the world.

In the words of Tennyson:

"Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die."

And die they did, all in the noble cause of the betterment of mankind. As there can be absolutely no doubt but that the good ensuing from this catastrophe will be of worldwide benefit to the mining population.

Shining as a constellation among the noble band who went down to death in the disaster is "Big Bill" Murphy. Sinewy and strong of arm, also noble of intellect "Big Bill" made two trips through the veritable "jaws of hell," bringing to the surface on each occasion a cargo of human freight of more value than 1000 Belmont mines. On the third trip down from which the poor fellow never returned until brought to the surface a lifeless corpse by fellow workmen, he was asked if he could make the trip. Characteristic of Murphy and hundreds of others he said: "Well, boys, I have made two trips and I am nearly all in, but I will try again." And try he did, but the final effort was too much. He martyred himself to a good cause. Peace to his ashes!

Scores of others are equally as brave as "Big Bill" but were not afforded the opportunity of exhibiting their nerve and daring. Probably it is as well that such was the case, as further sacrifice of life would have been useless, unnecessary and ghastly. Hearts of the living were loyal to the dead, all were willing and anxious to become a portion of the "rescue" party. But it was possible only to use a selected few. That few saw its duty and performed it with the bravery that has made famous the names of such men as Napoleon, Wellington, Grant and Washington. There names will never emblazon any of history's pages, but they will reap a better harvest, they will have forever the love and honor of that large army of miners and their progeny who are to follow. The tombs of the dead will in all probability bear no marble shaft, but the ground above their ashes will be oft moistened with the tears of those who live to mourn the loss of comrades loved of yore and revered in death.

Seventeen are known to be dead.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

NEW JAPANESE
TREATY PASSED
BY THE SENATEJAPANESE TREATY ON TRADE
AND NAVIGATION IS
RATIFIED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The new Japanese treaty on trade and navigation was ratified yesterday in a two-hours' executive session of the senate. While the apprehension of western senators that the treaty might let down the bars to coolie laborers was not entirely quieted, these senators contended themselves with expressing solicitude, and interposed no objection to ratification. The action promptly confirming the new agreement is expected to do more to improve a feeling of cordiality with that country than anything done in many years. It is regarded as a manifestation of the highest confidence in the advanced civilization of that nation.

The effect of this will permit Japan to enter at once on reorganization of its financial system and the making of new tariffs for all nations. Japanese treaties with other powers expire on July 17. That with the United States, by reason of its later ratification would be continued to the same date a year later had not the government consented to its expiration at the same time as the others.

Failure to ratify the new treaty would have delayed operations on the Japanese program a year beyond the time when planned to put it into effect.

BELIEVE MEASURES
SURE OF PASSAGE

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 25.—The governor's special message was sent to the legislature this morning. The reading of it was dispensed with, inasmuch as printed copies were placed on the desks of members in both houses. Comment upon it was cordial by leaders of both parties, and the belief was expressed that all four of the measures so emphatically recommended for immediate passage by the governor will become laws inasmuch as all of them are along the line of state development and free from partisan intent. The only opposition will come from a few democrats who take the shortsighted stand that by refusing to pass the bills they might in some degree handicap the administration, but that is frowned upon by the broad-gauged, clear-minded members of the opposition party, who place the state's welfare above party politics.

GENERAL RABAGO GOING
AFTER MADERO FORCES

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 25.—After returning to Juarez yesterday afternoon from Lucero with a portion of his command, Colonel Rabago loaded two more trains of troops and left again for Lucero. His total force is now stated to be 900 men.

It is probable Rabago will reach Lucero about midnight tonight where he will remain. Lucero is about twelve miles from Ahuhada, the reported headquarters of General Madero.

A construction train leaves Juarez early tomorrow morning to repair the track and bridges destroyed by insurgents in the vicinity of Samalayuca.

DAN FITZPATRICK
DIES IN OROVILLE

Parties in town from Sulphur state that news has been received there of the death of Dan Fitzpatrick, one of the pioneer claim owners of the Rosebud district, which occurred in a hospital in Oroville, Cal., about two weeks ago. He was one of the best known miners and prospectors in the state, having followed his vocation in Tonopah and Goldfield in the early days of those camps. He was one of the first locators in Rosebud, when that camp was discovered in the latter part of 1906, and he sold the Dreamland property for a considerable sum. He stayed with the camp when it went down, doing development work on other property which he owned. He was taken ill a few months ago and went to Oroville in the hope of regaining his health. He was about 60 years of age and leaves a sister, who resides in Oroville, and a brother in Yerington.

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2-23-3-2-9

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12-12-11

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